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OCT 27 2006**REMARKS**

Applicants expressly incorporate by reference all communications after the Final Office Action of December 13, 2005 into the present Submission, including Applicants' Remarks in Support of the Pre-Appeal Request for Review of March 9, 2006, Appeal Brief of May 23, 2006, and Reply Brief of August 8, 2006.

Applicants further respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the reference listed in the accompanying IDS.

Applicants note that claims 1-15 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in the Amendment After Appeal of May 23, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 16-24 in light of the arguments set forth in the above communications. Applicants also introduce new claims 25-40 directed to systems and methods not previously considered by the Examiner and not disclosed or rendered obvious by any of the references of record. New claims 25-40 are fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections, as well as an indication of allowability of each of the claims now pending.

If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent.


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Applicants do not believe that any additional fees not referenced in the documents transmitted herewith are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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